

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,645

Filed: January 24, 2001

For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

Confirmation No. 8639

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Ulrike Winkler

July 26, 2004

Mail Stop RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
 (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to respond to the final Official Action dated February 24, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

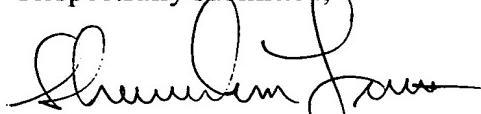
Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Due \$420.00

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- A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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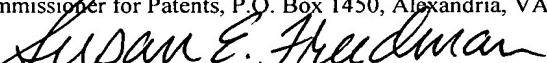
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Date of Signature: July 26, 2004